## WHERE WOMEN MAY VOTE NOW

**Extent and Some Results of** the Suffrage Movement in the United States.

## **FULL RIGHTS IN FOUR STATES**

Partial Rights in 28 Others -General Testimony That It Helps the Schools.

The System Called a Failure in Colorado Which Gives Full Suffrage-In Other Inderworld Vote-Louisiana's Taxpaying Women Have Done Excellent Work in Promoting Public Health.

Amid the din and clamor that is going on over woman suffrage perhaps it is just as well to know something of the results of women's voting as it actually exists in this country. Many questions confront the inquisitor:

Has woman suffrage been a success in those States where the full exercise is permitted? Do the women exercise their right independent of husbands or family? Do the poor women go to the polls in as proportionately large numbers as the well to do? Are the women of the underworld desirous of voting and do the police dictate the candidates for whom the politics of the husband. they shall vote? Is the political atmosphere any purer as the result of adoption of woman suffrage?

These and similar questions are an swered in the material printed herewith. is exercised completely or in part.

There are four States in which women have the full suffrage, Idaho, Colorado,

In twenty-eight States and one Territory, Arizona, they may vote on school questions. These are Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Idaho, Kentucky, Kansas, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New /Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ohio, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Of course ellowed are included in the list.

matters. In Montana they may vote on bonding questions.

In one respect there seems to be a unanimity of opinion: the schools of States | fits derived from equal suffrage. where the women vote on such matters have been improved greatly as a result. Many women have become school superthey do not mix in politics.

It is also the opinion that where women have been elected to other county offices. such as treasurer or register, these offices is satisfied with conditions as they are, unless carriages are sent for them. have been managed well and solely for for greatly to their credit, women are

The reports show that woman suffrage has not made the political atmosphere result of women voting.

In the States where full suffrage is al-

In Idaho the women vote as freely as women vote far more freely than gentile men as just and final." women, and they vote as they are told. The following was prepared by a man a different political party. the suffrage movement.

women exercise the suffrage in part the sought an office: voting is largely confined to clubwomen. The so-called poor women, except in Kansas, do not vote

tunity. A large number of women in away again. Iowa, for example, are clamoring for the suffrage. At the recent election in Des vote as of men—the politicians think the laws, public health measures and juvenile Moin's, a city of nearly 100,000 people, woman vote is easy. The husbands only 150 women voted on school matters. think their wives vote as they wish them largely prevented from taking any active In Detroit out of a female population of to, but no one knows how a woman votes,

200,000 only 6,000 registered. The general opinion seems to be that the women soon tire of voting.

underworld vote to any extent. A pro- the few there are play both sides. vision that women voters shall be mothers these do not care to exercise the suffrage, treading, as is their nature, the wholesome light of day upon their lives.

The belief is general that women as a voting. There is a complaint in Idaho will be safe in giving them the vote. that the preachers sway them, and of course in Utah it is taken as a matter of voting on school matters.

gling with the suffragists, passing their fers upon a few women. bills in one house of a Legislature and killing them in the other. In no State is there anything especially virile in the move- women wallowing in the mire of ward ment as a matter of politics.

From one State only is there a report of complete success. That State is Louisi- of the rising generation in the West," ana, where the women taxpayers may

vote solely on matters of taxation. By of the question held by those who are There is a restriction upon this right, this means New Orleans finally secured good sewerage and good water. The school buildings have been improved and the general health of communities has been suffrage has been of great advantage to

form his own conclusions about woman suffrage as it exists at present in the United States.

IN FULL SUFFRAGE STATES. Division of Opinion in Idaho-Fallure in Colorado-Doubt in Utah.

was granted women in this State in 1896 siderations, or vote to help needy relatives by constitutional amendment and women first voted in 1898. They are qualified to hold any elective or appointive office and have been most generally character of candidates cut no figure, elected as State and county school superintendents and county treasurers.

As a rule the women vote generally in about the same proportion as the men. They take great interest in politics and attend the political meetings in large numbers and are generally becoming informed on subjects of political economy and vote independently of the politics or opinions of their husbands.

Some critics of woman suffrage in this State declare that it gives preachers too much political influence; that the preachers propose reforms that are impossible. such as getting rid of women of the underworld and kindred subjects, and that they oring the churches too close to matters with which churches should have nothing to do. It is also declared that in spite of this political influence of preachers it and fairly. does not seem that better men are nominated than before. To such critics the reply is made that in course of time and with more education in political matters this trouble will be overcome

The equal franchise has of course given the Mormons a greatly increased vote, as the Mormon men and women vote almost as a unit, sometimes with one party and sometimes with the other

Women of the underworld are not permitted to vote as they cannot take the elector's oath when registering.

So far as the experiment has gone it has shown that women are not as independent in politics as men, voting the ticket regardless of the men on it or the principles of a political nature which are involved. Most of them are Republicans or Democrats because their parents were, ignoring

Local option and prohibition receive a great deal more attention than financial or tariff questions, but there are many clubs for the purpose of educating women on economic questions.

Women make good school superinexcellence in educational matters, consequently the public schools of Idaho are second to none in the Union.

The equal franchise has completely eliminated saloon electioneering, which was universal before. The candidate who would now attempt to secure votes elections are more influenced by public person votes. meetings and personal work. Many Michigan, Massachusetts, Minnesota, people consider this a great improvement in a campaign.

Here are two representative opinious as to the results of woman suffrage in still debatable in this State. the four States where full suffrage is Idaho. The first was written by a woman

and ability.

"I believe the majority of men and gives it an undue advantage. women would agree that the political intendents, and the opinion is general is no better than before the franchise strength of that vote if aroused.

cleaner or purer. It is rare that better terests can be elected by the simple ex-men have been nominated for office as the pedient of adding the name of one good questions and such matters as education Women

man and calling it the church ticket. lowed there is no testimony that the on party or selfish lines; some vote for a civic standards. Their good influence plan is an admitted success. In Colo- principle, others as their men desire, a is also apparent in the general atmosphere rado it is called a failure. In Denver the few on sentimental grounds and still of the voting places: women of the underworld are sent to the fewer on the cut of a man's hair or the fit of his collar.

"Upon all public questions it is greatly the men, but there is no appreciable re- to the happiness of family life that women suit of this fact. In Utah the Mormon voters usually accept the opinion of their

The result is not calculated to advance who has had much to do with public matters in Idaho since Statehood, but It has also been found that where who is not a politician nor has he ever "I worked to get the equal suffrage

measure passed and am sorry for it, in the particular ward in which they are and like every one else here cannot see Rich women and clubwomen are chiefly that it has bettered anything, but would those who take advantage of their oppor- not make any effort to take the franchise

not even the woman herself.

"There are no so-called classes in Idaho usual influence cut little figure. -no rich, no poor-and to talk about the Only in Colorado do the women of the vote of the immoral women is trifling;

of children of school age or shall be tax- been clearer since we have had equal a higher level of civic affairs. payers shuts out the undesirable women suffrage, and I can say to you New York elsewhere. It has also been found that people that you cannot get the true value of the woman vote until the fact is recognized that women are unmoral.

"If you have in New York any women who will not smuggle or whom you can rule exercise moderate independence in convince that smuggiing is wrong you

in Colorado is divided on the question that woman's greater susceptibility to course that the Mormon women take or- of woman suffrage. There are many who ders from the Church. In some of the consider woman suffrage a delusion and long the settlement of this vexing ques-States, like Nebraska, the husbands are a snare. They declare that the demoralaid on the other hand to follow the wives izing effect it has on a large body of women radical Mormon element which controlled and men as well more than counteracts In many States the politicians are jug- any good which the use of the ballot con-

"The traditional chivalry of the true politics and the certain effect must be constantly to lessen the chivalric spirit

opposed to woman suffrage. There have been one or two elections in Denver, where the better classes united and swept the field with their candidate. improved vastly. That kind of woman In these elections it was to some extent ticipation. inspiring to see women go to the polls with husbands or male relatives and Here are the reports for the reader to not only cast their ballots for the man among their friends to secure votes for They even took interest in the Judges, clerks and precinct workers, sending them refreshments and cigars.

But such occurrences have been rare who vote are strong partisans, are driven Boiss, Idaho, April 24.—Equal suffrage to the polls by relatives or selfish conor friends who plead that retention in office hinges upon ability to get out votes. In these cases principles and personal it is simply a question of getting the women to the polls by hook or by crook.

The bestowal of the ballot on women practically doubles the field of the corrupt party boss, and the campaign committees make large appropriations for toggery for influential clubwomen and for candy for other women voters, so that dressmakers and confectioners are heartily in favor of woman suffrage.

So far as woman suffrage in large cities is concerned it is the opinion of many who have made a close study of the subject in all its phases that it is practically an unmixed evil. There is so little that can be said in its favor and so much that can be proved against it that its advocates are simply overwhelmed whenever the matter is discussed fully

The officeholders of the equal suffrage Congressmen, Governors and legislatorsoppose woman suffrage but dare not say so. They go on the stump and profess to favor it, but whenever they find Constitution provided a large endowment a chance to fight it without being found fund from land, and special pride is out they may be found arrayed against it. taken in barring out the politicians from a It is a fact that when asked by intimate part in the management of the schools. friends or by persons they have confidence in if they believe in equal suffrage nine out of ten of them will answer unqualifiedly in the pegative.

but there is no strong evidence that they are right. On the contrary, it may be be better off without it. The petty or three votes. quarrels and jealousies of the people of the hamlets always have a direct inthis influence is detrimental to the interests of the community.

gathered by THE SUN'S correspondents tendents, as they attend to their duties have been fairly herded to the polls by in various States where woman suffrage strictly and take a great pride in achieving policemen and compelled to vote according to orders.

candidate use a large amount of money most influence in politics. Under present Legislature. conditions, with polygamy almost elimi-

The fact that there are three distinct made. who has voted at every primary and regu- political parties in Utah without refer- suffrage on questions relating to the school boards and for Mayors and mem-In Louisiana women taxpayers may reflect to the women of Idaho:

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In Minnesota they may vote on liberal candidates. In Montana they may vote on the franchise was successful and the ballot has only been successful and smaller organizations renders it difficult to determine the duck pond, sought as a rule by clubwomen and those especially active in school work.

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"After years of experience the opinion to the Church insist that woman suffrage in 1910.

atmosphere is no clearer or purer and susceptible than men to ecclesiastical as regards the offices for which women that the class of men nominated for office influence, and that therefore the large can vote. The women individually and families common among the Mormons that it has been decidedly uplifting was given to women. The fact is, the increase the power of the Church in poli-These women attend to business strictly; woman's vote has not proved the 'big ties. It is undeniable that the propor- have had the right to vote several have stick' that we hoped it would be in forc- tionate vote cast by Mormon women is ing the politicians to fear the unknown greater than that of non-Mormon women. The Mormon women walk to the polls, "Without doubt the ward politician while many gentile women remain away

Although the Republican and Demoeasily fooled by the unscrupulous. A cratic parties maintain their organizamen on it representing questionable in- sight of owing to the intense feeling de- fact that they play an honest game in and prohibition the women are un-

In the determination of the broader political questions most women seem content to accept the judgment of their husbands. Hardly a case is known of a married woman differing from her husband to the extent of affiliating herself with

The women of the underworld are used likely to be a factor to be reckoned with

Clubwomen devote some attention to practical politics, but as a class seem more interested in the art and architecture of "About as large a proportion of women ancient Egypt that in the local pure food courts. Women of the poorer classes are part in politics by the demands of the day's work and unless subjected to un-

A majority of the qualified women cast their votes and except where the peculiar local conditions intervene the "The political atmosphere has not general effect of their voting is toward

At the time of the constitutional convention in 1895 Brigham H. Roberts and others of the more liberal leaders of the Mormon Church made a fight to have woman suffrage postponed until such time as the question of Church interference in politics should be definitely settled. They did not openly announce their DENVER, Col., April 24.—Public opinion motive, but were influenced by the belief ecclesiastical influence would tend to protion. They were outvoted by the more

VOTE ON SCHOOL MATTERS.

Lack of Interest in Nebraska-Decided Success in Wisconsin.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 24 .- Women rote in Nebraska only for candidates for membership in the boards that have the person of the development phase control and direction of the schools, for the purpose of solemnly signing a rully

as a woman to vote must have children of school age or be herself the owner of

So far as this experiment is concerned it has been a failure. As a rule the women do not participate in school elections

where use of the ballot is necessary They attend in small numbers the annual meetings at which school trustees the cities they turn out to vote only when some matter of special interest is involved or a woman is a candidate, and of the polls. then the vote is not very large.

The explanation of this lack of interest most instances all they can do is to choose between candidates selected by the men. Here and there in the State a woman is found upon a school board, but in a number of these cases it is due to the special activity either of the woman herself as interested in school work or to the desire of some woman's club to secure representation on the board.

The indifference of the women has been due largely to the fact that until the recent enactment of the direct primary law they had no hand in the selection of candidates for the school board. That duty was usually performed at the fag end of a city selection of whom women had no part.

In those elections at which there has been an unusual women's vote cast the district for supporters and transported balloting has been confined largely to the work, the poorer classes evincing very the choice of the men.

The public schools of the State have obey orders. as a rule been free from graft. The State

The Nebraska Equal Suffrage Association is a well organized body intent upon two things, the granting of municipal suffrage to women by statute and the The most earnest advocates of woman elimination from the Constitution of any suffrage lay great stress upon its benefits sex distinction between voters. Each to the small cities, towns and villages, legislative session has found it with more votes, and at the session just closed both bills passed the House and were killed in said that four-fifths of these places would the Senate by the narrow margin of two

The indications are that suffrage be granted to Nebraska women in a very fluence upon the ballot, and in most cases few years. There is a growing tolerance among men toward it. This is perhaps due more to the conviction of the women's The immoral women are usually forced inherent right to vote than to any belief to vote, and in many Denver elections that a majority of the women really demand the ballot.

It is within the bounds of possibility that the campaign of 1910 will find the Women in voting obey or disobey their Republicans pledged to woman suffrage. husbands just as they do in other matters. The lineup of the brewing and distilling and it requires argument to convince interests with the Democrats in the last them that they should change their campaign, bringing a strength sufficient candidates to please their husbands, to defeat the Republicans, has crystallized Colorado has the Australian ballot, but a determination among Republican leaders by treating in saloons could hardly be the bosses manipulated the law so that it is to punish those interests, and granting elected to any office. The results of easy for insiders to learn just how every the ballot to women/it is believed, will held by women within ten years. mean county option and then prohibition SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 24.- in Nebraska. Evidence of this determina-

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 24. - Voting by nated, the question of woman suffrage is women has proved successfut in Wisconsin as far as the experiment has been

Here almost every political question the Assembly is said to have practically law. is first considered with reference to the enough suffrage sentiment to send the of the fair minded is divided as to the bene- Mormon Church. Persons antagonistic bill to the voters of the State for decision

The experiment of giving the It is pointed out that women are more to women in Wisconsin has worked well in their clubs have evinced a much greater interest in school affairs. Since women been elected county superintendents and

have given excellent service. These women in their campaigns pay particular attention to the feminine vote, and make as active a campaign as any of the men against whom they are pitted. In many cases they are better politicians, primary ticket with many objectionable tion in Utah, party lines are largely lost this being due, their sisters say, to the

Women as a rule do not pay attention to the election. The vote is "Generally the women vote as do men, doubtedly a factor on the side of higher chiefly of the clubwoman class, and these

ready to vote as a unit for the party the politicians decide to take advantage her ticket just like a man and passes out.

Some trouble is expected this year on account of the voting machines. There do in local affairs. will be candidates for several judicial As a net result the general political the machine curtain might pull more levers than those applying only to school elecinstead of by machine.

DETROIT, Mich., April 24.-Woman on the part of the men.

A bill is now before the Legislature recommending that property owners among women have the franchise in regard county superintendent of schools. to bonding issues, and Detroit women expect shortly to exercise the franchise in the matter of a new convention hall. The women of Battle Creek will be per-

mitted to cast a ballot on one or two civic matters at the coming elections, but how far they will avail themselves of the privilege remains to be seen. While representatives of the State Suffrage Association, composed chiefly of women, warmly defend the purity of

the feminine vote as cast up to date, opponents of woman suffrage find something to say on the other side. Thus at the time of the March primaries one ambitious politician conveyed numbers of women of means and standing to a

polls, a procedure which aroused no small indignation upon the part of their hus- a word of debate. taxable property. This practically bars bands when the matter leaked out. The the so-called immoral women from par-incident gave rise to considerable news-

paper criticism A movement is now under way amon the people of Grosse Pointe, a fashionable place about ten miles out of Detroit, whereby converts are being rapidly made to the suffrage cause. As the movement is only in an embryo stage it cannot yet be are elected in the country districts. In ascertained whether the women con-

About 6,000 women registered in Detroit at the March primaries out of a feminine s that there is no special incentive since in population of 200,000. Many of these were clubwomen and the others were simply 'pluggers.

The attitude of the men is tolerant. At the constitutional convention held at the State Capitol toward the close of 1908 not a voice was raised in protest against the extension of women's rights, and many arguments were advanced in

most every case, and stanchly support them in the event of their running for The so-called immoral woman does not

Women vote as their husbands, in al-

vote in Detroit. Two years ago she made shown throughout the State. convention composed of delegates in the a try at it, but the attempt was an utter failure. It happened this way: A politician canvassed the red light

about fifty women to the booths of their clubwomen or those interested in school districts, where they voted, with the result that a scandal was threatened for a little concern. As these women voters time. The matter was eventually hushed are usually independent thinkers their up, but the women were strictly prochoice is more likely to be followed by hibited from making a reappearance at States—that is the United States Senators, their husbands than they are to follow the booths. These women in Detroit are at the mercy of the police and have to

SCHOOLS AND TAXES.

Kansas Women Independent-Towa's Indifferent-Also Montana's.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 24.-At its recent ession the Kansas Legislature refused to extend the elective franchise to the women who appealed to it for the right to vote for Presidential electors.

Throughout the session a lobby composed of twoscore of the prominent clubwomen and suffragists of the State maintained headquarters in a room in the State House and appealed for the right to participate in Presidential elections. Telephones were installed in the room and the women used them freely in calling up and talking The advocates of equal suffrage did not hope for the submission of a constitutional amendment giving them the full franchise, but they did expect to obtain the right to vote for Presidential electors.

The women of Kansas may vote at all municipal and school elections, and many of them are members of school boards. Women are gradually taking possession of the office of county superintendent of schools. They do not vote for this officer, but they are highly gratified that 35 out of 105 county superintendents are women. It is predicted that these offices will all be

A dozen or more women are holding the offices of county and district court Woman suffrage in Utah dates back to tion is found in the fact that almost every clerk, register of deeds and county treasfrom the moral point of view, and because early Territorial days, when the Mormon Republican voted for woman suffrage in urer, and in one instance a woman held the of the fact that it does not require that a with the largest number of wives had both houses at the late session of the office of Probate Judge by appointment from the Governor and issued licenses and solemnized marriages.

There can be no question but that the use of the ballot by women in the town and The women have the right of city elections in Kansas for members of ence to the Socialists and smaller organi- schools, and the ballot has only been bers of the Council has been successful

which case the vote is heavy. The women a graceful way of refusing a petition who participate in these elections are presented by Louisiana women, which what I would have done but I thought generally prominent in church and club requested that the educated taxpaying maybe it would be nice to have a couple work and are numbered among the most woman be allowed to solve honorably of live hawks in captivity and I conwork and are numbered among the most substantial families of the community.

Very frequently they defect the plans of politicians who have axes to grind.

Woman be allowed to solve honorably and respectively and I concluded I would raise them.

"One of them died very young. The other thrived and grew to be a fine specimen of a henhawk under my care,

women twenty years or more ago. It is not true that only the so-called middle classes, of merchants, clerks, created consternation. laborers and mechanics are equally interested in good government, and many sides, business was paralyzed and comterested in good government, and many sides, business was paralyzed and commaking a sure enough good hawk of them compare solicitous about driving marcial and property values fell trehim by killing him and went and rigged of them are more solicitous about driving mercial and property values fell treout liquor joints and places that would mendously. It was realized that someentice their husbands and sons and take thing must be done and done quickly

by unscrupulous politicians. They are have no chance to register, and in case at all times to control the votes of their tem; a magnificent plan of drainage wives. The spirit of independence is was plodding along at a rate that would standing for a wide open town and are of this fact could easily be barred from strong in Kansas, and it is manifested have taken twenty years to carry it out: voting. There has never yet been a case, nowhere so much as in the federated an inadequate water supply was also however, where a woman's vote has been clubs of the State. If women had the a menace to the city's health. How to questioned. She enters the booth, marks franchise in this State hundreds of them secure these much needed municipal imwould vote contrary to their husbands' provements was the question. wishes in Presidential elections, as they

offices and the woman who passes behind atmosphere in the towns and cities of added to the money then available for Kansas has been made purer by the par- drainage purposes would provide the ticipation of women in the election of means to insure a successful bond issue. tion. This may be remedied by requir- Mayors, members of the city councils Here, then, with the woman's scrap of ing the woman to vote on a paper ballot and in the selection of members of the suffrage not six months old, an opporschool boards.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 24.-The right suffrage has made alight headway in of women to vote in Iowa is restricted to Michigan. It is in the inciplent stage the simple privilege of going to the polls the law provides that a call for such an of voting for school inspectors, which is at the annual school election which occurs election must be made through a petition done languidly for the most part, and on the second Monday in March and votonly where there is vigorous campaigning ing upon the question of bond issues and taxpayers. It was here that the women attempts to increase the tax levy.

The Iowa Legislature has made a football of the woman suffrage issue. Upon

ture the women appeared with an un- that the bulk of the petitioners were seusually well organized and aggressive oured in compeditively large numbers in per-the chagrin of the women who had care-son. The fact that New Orleans is enbeer garden on the east side of the city the chagrin of the women who had carefor the purpose of solemnly signing a fully packed the galleries and all other joying to-day a drainage system nearing boys.

circular relative to their action at the available sitting or standing room, the Senate slaughtered the resulution without

Mass meetings were immediately held and legislators were denounced. Notice was also served that a personal campaign would be made against every Senator who voted against the measure that is a candidate for office at the expiration of

his present term Interviews with members of the Legislature do not reveal that individual contempt for the woman suffrage idea which cerned in it would face the questionable their official actions might sometimes treatment accorded to visitors at certain suggest. They declare, in a majority of instances, that the moment they are convinced that anything like a majority of the women desire the ballot the movement will have their support.

Unfortunately for the women the school election in Des Moines held on Monday, March 8, occurred while the Legislature was in session. Des Moines has between 90,000 and 100,000 population. Of all the women who had the right to vote only 137 cared enough about the matter to go to the polls. As Des Moines is the headquarters of the woman suffrage movement in this State legislators used this incident with considerable effect in showing the general indifference among women toward the ballot. The light vote in Des Moines is a sample of the indifference

It is noticeable that the women who do vote are as a rule prosperous or a least well to do. The women less wel off are not conspicuous at the polls, and the so-called immoral women pay no attention to the privilege.

In fact the influence of woman at the polls in Iowa is so inconsiderable that it never seems to be taken into account by the politicians.

HELENA, Mon., April 24.-There are only two classes of elections in Montana at which women may vote school and taxpayers'. Where any municipality holds an election for the voting of bonds for any enterprise women taxpayers may vote. Likewise they may vote at all school

Several attempts have been made to give women universal or equal suffrage with men in this State, but they have always failed in the Legislature. Ex-Inited States Senator Wilbur F. Sanders was a strong advocate of woman suffrage, and with his death several years ago the movement seems to have lost that leadership necessary to give the project any great standing. While eight or even six years ago woman suffrage was always the subject of a contest, sometimes a bitter struggle, in the Legislature, since the death of Col. Sanders no bill has even been introduced.

Col. Sanders was one of Montana's most positive characters, and when his interest was once aroused he moved heaven and earth to accomplish his ends. Judging by the progress he made it seems safe to predict that had he lived women would now be on an equal footing with men as regards the franchise.

So far as woman suffrage exists in this State it is considered a success. That is, a large proportion of the respectable away with them. I came home feeling women take it upon themselves to vote pretty sore. when opportunity offers. Among the socalled immoral women there is no tendency to avail of this right save in ex-

ceptional cases. The women who vote are doubtless influenced more or less by their husbands away as fast as her short legs would carry or male members of their family; but on the whole they are independent. Were the issues extended along political lines She approached the nest slowly and

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The experiment was a howling successed in favor of law and order in of these and was generally regarded as do not vote unless great interest has been State by the constitutional convention aroused in favor of law and order, in of 1898 and was generally regarded as work and are numbered among the most woman be allowed to solve honorably

and such politicians have nothing but originally viewed as an almost useless and I used to go out and look at him in condemnation for the lawrinking body concession because in New Orleans at the big cage I kept him in, fastened to a condemnation for the lawmaking body concession because in New Orleans at concession because in New Orleans at least the State had reached the limit of taxation it has proved of inestimable value. Hardly had the privilege been granted when the return of yellow fever after an absence of nearly twenty years created consternation.

Separaless quarantines prevailed on all my folks made about taking the gun and sorry that I scorned a suggestion who so the sum and sorry that I scorned a suggestion in the big cage I kept in in it, lastened to a post in the big cage I kept in in it, lastened to a post in the big cage I kept in in it, lastened to a post in the big cage I kept in in it, lastened to a post in the big cage I kept in in it, lastened to a post in the back yard, and feel proud.

"One day along in July there came up a gale that tore the hawk cage from its fastenings on the post and my hawk escaped. He flew to the dead limb of a tall tree down back of the back yard, and feel proud. which granted the limited franchise to least the State had reached the limit of "rich and respectable" women are in- granted when the return of yellow fever terested in voting. The wives of the after an absence of nearly twenty years

women have too many ideas of their own to be controlled by the wishes of their husbands. They have succeeded in electing two women to the Milwaukee school board, and these women have proved themselves a power in the board.

The poor woman takes little or no interest in the election.

The woman voter in Milwaukee is faced this year by a difficulty owing to a failure to have a registration day. The women have no chance to register, and in case

It was finally agreed to launch the

project of a two mill tax upon every dollar of assessed property, which revenue tunity presented itself for its very able use.

In special elections of this character signed by not less than one-third of the of New Orleans did good work, for Women are qualified under the statute it is obvious that to persuade people to hold the office of county recorder and already taxed to the limit of the law to vote to tax themselves further is not an easy undertaking.

In the development of the campaign the first day of the session suffrage leaders it was proved that the women taxpayers. have appeared with the request that a at the outset variously estimated at constitutional amendment be passed from 1,000 to 5,000 in number, formed striking the word "male" from the funda- nearly two-thirds of the taxpayers in mental law of the Commonwealth. The New Orleans. It was estimated that Senate and the House have taken turns in 25,000 was a liberal estimate of the total Senate and the House have taken turns in shouldering responsibilty for its defeat.

At one biennial session the Senate passes the resolution and the House defeats it. At the next session the order has been reversed.

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completion, a completed sewerage system and a filtered water supply is universally admitted to be the work of New Orleans's voting women. A few years previously when men taxpayers alone could vote there was defeated a special tax of one mill for the completion of the drainage.

Many elections in the parishes have been, held for various improvement since then, and the women have responded in the most public spirited way. Upon the authority of the late superintendent of elections it can be said that through women possessing this power the school facilities for the children of the State have been improved to a degree which could not have been attained had the voting mothers been deprived of their privilege.

The general opinion in Louisiana to-day s that the granting of this suffrage right to the women of the State has been of great public benefit.

Votes Refused Minnesota Women.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 21 .- Woman suffrage in Minnesota has gone down to defeat. Several bills were introduced n both branches of the State Legislature at its present session. The cause had many advocates, but the movement was without leadership. The main bill was introduced in the Senate by Ole Sageng and was defeated.

HATCHED OUT HAWKS' EGGS. New Yorker, Country Born, Recalls as Experiment of His Youth

"Just for the mischief of the thing and see how she would act," said a New York citizen up State born, "I being then a way back urchin of inquiring mind, I set a pet bantam duck of mine to hatchng out a couple of hawk eggs. Whether the experiment was a success in its re. sults depends somewhat on the way you look at it.

"I purloined the eggs from the hawk's nest in an old dead tree back in the Bald Hill woods when the old hawks were off their job temporarily; but I was intercepted by them before I got down out of the tree. They clawed and clutched at me the flercest kind, but I got away with the eggs.

"I lost a yellow cordured cap I was vearing at the time, though, for it was knocked off of my head or was snatched off by one of the hawks-I don't know which-and the old birds were making it so warm for me that I didn't dare stop long enough to recover the cap but journeyed out of those woods and home with the eggs as fast as my legs would

"I hadn't thought of setting the eggs under the duck, but she was making a great fuss to set on something or other and so I let her ease her longing with the stolen hawk eggs. She went right at the job, and I got the old gun and went back to rescue my yellow corduroy cap which I was very fond of. The hawks were nowhere to be seen when I got to the spot; neither was the cap. I supposed the hawks, having no other way to revenge themselves, had carried the car

"The duck hatched the eggs out all right but the sight of the hig headed, big eyed big hookbilled, fierce looking pair of cutters she had brought into the world gave her such a scare that she waddled her, muttering all sorts of agitated duck talk. Only once did she come back for a look at that queer result of her incubation. it is difficult to say what would be the cautiously. At the sign of her coming outcome.

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She approached the nest slowly and cautiously. At the sign of her coming both hawklings—there were only two—threw their big beaks open. They were expecting something to eat.

"The duck turned and fled. She never

she never ventured closer to those hawk-

his cage up again and put some nice chopped beef in it, believing that he would return to his old home. I didn't

orduroy cap, and so her loss was another blow to me.
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"About that time glaring big bills began to appear on the barns and wagon sheds announcing that the circus was coming to town, and as father told me I could go to town and see the circus come in on show day and moreover could go to the show itself in the afternoon I began to feel better.

"Show day came and I went to town to see the show come in and with the shilling to go see it perform.

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"By and by in the crowd of others who were waiting at the edge of town to see the show come in what should rise in full view of me but my beloved and mourned yellow corduroy cap! It crowned the woolly head of Black Dan Sykes's boy Joe, who lived in the squatters' settlement over back of Bald Hill Forgetful of all else I made a grab for that cap and got it. Black Dan's boy Joe made a grab for me and got me

"I never knew just how it happened but when my cousin Sam Fletcher got me away from Joe both my eyes were going shut and they soon went entirely shut and wouldn't come open. It was a day open and then the show had come in. performed and gone away.

"That's about the way that experiment of mine with hawk eggs and ducks panned the start was a success or not

of mine with hawk eggs and ducks panned out. Whether it was a success or not depends somewhat on the way you look at it, as I said before."

TOYS ON TRAINS.

English Railway Provides Them for Travelling Children. of the English railways has pro-

rided an alleviation of the discomforts of travel which does not seem to have occurred to the companies in this country. It provides a box of toys with which a child may amuse itself during the

journey.

The box contains a cardboard reproduction of one of the trains of the read. also a station, and with little figures of passengers, guards, porters and news.